

**BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
WASHINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES – MAY 2, 2006**

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey was held in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall at 8:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Oakley, Glaser, Van Deursen, Woykowski, Turner, Housel and Buoye – 7 Present.

Also Present: Richard P. Cushing, Esq., Municipal Attorney  
Richard J. Sheola, Borough Manager  
Linda L. Hendershot, RMC/CMC, Borough Clerk

The flag salute was led by the Mayor

Mayor Van Deursen read the following Statement into the Record:

“The requirements of the ‘Open Public Meetings Law 1975, Chapter 231 have been satisfied in that adequate notice of this meeting has been published in the Star Gazette and posted on the Bulletin Board of Borough Hall stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting as required by law.

**COUNCIL APPEARANCE:**

**Joseph Groff, Captain – First Aid Squad**

Mr. Groff was present to give an overview of the activities of the Emergency Squad. A breakdown of the volunteer hours for accidents, fire calls and medical emergencies made up for a total of 3,676 hours.

They have started their paid volunteer program between the hours of 6 AM until 6 PM and the program is running very well and the response time excellent. To date they have not done any billing.

The Squad is sponsoring a free blood pressure screening on June 24<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 1 – 6 PM at the Open House they will be sponsoring.

Mayor Van Deursen reminded everyone that the Emergency Squad Banquet is scheduled for this Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> with cocktails at 6 PM and dinner at 7 PM.

Mayor Van Deursen thanked Mr. Groff for his presentation and was pleased with the excellent response to calls during the day-time hours. The First Aid Squad is a tremendous comfort to the citizens of our community. The improvement in services is a real plus for the community as well.

**MINUTES:**

**Regular Meeting – April 18, 2006**

The minutes will be available for approval by the governing body at the meeting of May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Special Meeting – April 25, 2006**

Mayor Van Deursen entertained additions or corrections to the minutes of the Special Meeting held April 25, 2006.

There were two corrections noted on Page 1. The Clerk will make the necessary corrections.

It was moved by Housel, seconded by Buoye that the minutes of the Special Meeting held April 25, 2006 be approved as corrected.

Roll Call: Woykowski, Housel, Buoye, Van Deursen, Turner, Glaser and Oakley.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

The following communications were entered into the Record:

- 1) NJ League – Property Tax Summit;
- 2) NJ League – DOT Seeks Tax Subsidy;
- 3) NJ League – Baseball Appreciation Day;
- 4) NJ League – Property Tax Reform;
- 5) NJ League – Arbitration Reform;
- 6) NJ Highlands Council – Cancellation of Meeting;
- 7) Letter – Township of Washington – Resolution 06-68 Supporting No Passing Zone on State Highway Rt. 31
- 8) NJ League – US Supreme Court Rules on Adequacy of Tax Sale; ad
- 9) Family YMCA

Mayor Van Deursen entertained a motion to acknowledge, receive and file the communications.

It was moved by Glaser, seconded by Turner that the communications be acknowledged, received and filed.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

**AUDIENCE:**

Mayor Van Deursen entertained remarks, petitions, statements and testimony from guests on items that were not on the agenda.

**Lou Ann Linepense, 309 N. Prospect St.** – brought up the problem of “No Parking” on North Prospect Street in the section of the street that was narrowed down near the intersection of Carlton and Prospect Street. As a result of the construction on Carlton with the temporary road going into the Middle School the “No Parking” signs were removed and parents are parking on N. Prospect Street to watch sports. She has repeatedly had to contact the Police Department to get out of her driveway. It is a very dangerous situation and children are going to get hurt.

The Police Department will be contacted. Councilman Turner noted that more enforcement is warranted.

Mrs. Linepense indicated that the problem seems to get worse between the hours of 5 – 7 PM.

Councilman Turner suggested checking into how many tickets have been issued? A time limit should be placed on alleviating this dangerous situation. It was suggested that the Manager e-mail the Council and get this problem resolved.

**Betty Wysocki, Animal Control Officer** suggested to Council that they increase the late fee of \$ 2.00 to be progressive each month that the dog license is delinquent. This would generate more revenue for the dog account.

**Lori Smith, 53 Lenape Trail** - Mayor Van Deursen brought a problem to the attention of the Mayor and Council with Mrs. Smith’s property. She has a huge gully at the end of her driveway which warrants some attention. This matter will be looked into by the engineer.

Hearing no further remarks from the audience, it was moved by Glaser, seconded by Turner that the audience portion of the meeting be closed.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

**ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance #8-2006** - Capital Ordinance providing funds for public improvements and acquisitions (Final Passage)

An ordinance providing funds for public improvements and acquisitions was introduced by Councilman Housel.

It was further moved by Housel, seconded by Glaser that the Clerk read Ordinance #8-2006 by title only.

Roll Call: Oakley, Glaser, Turner, Van Deursen, Buoye, Housel and Woykowski.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

The Clerk read Ordinance #8-2006 by title only and stated that this ordinance had been published in the Star Gazette as required by law, a copy was posted on the bulletin board and copies available upon request from the Clerk's office.

Mayor Van Deursen opened up the public hearing portion of the ordinance to the audience for their questions or comments.

Hearing none, it was moved by Glaser, seconded by Oakley that the public hearing portion of the ordinance be closed.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

Council Discussion: Councilman Buoye was pleased with that the Manager procured a site license for the software. That will be a tremendous cost savings in the purchase of the software.

It was therefore moved by Glaser, seconded by Oakley that Ordinance #8-2006 be adopted on final passage and that final publication be made as required by law.

Roll Call: Woykowski, Housel, Buoye, Van Deursen, Oakley, Glaser and Turner.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #8-2006**

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH AND APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$7,100 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE BOROUGH.**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Borough Council of the Washington, in the County of Warren, New Jersey, as follows:

**Section 1.** The Borough of Washington (the Borough”) in the County of Warren, New Jersey, is hereby authorized to make the following public improvements and acquisitions in, by and for the Borough, including all work, materials and appurtenances necessary and suitable therefore:

Borough Offices	
Technology Equipment	\$ 7,100
Total	\$ 7,100

**Section 2.** The aggregate sum of \$ 7,100 is hereby appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund for the Borough for the payment of the cost of the improvements and acquisitions authorized and described in Section 1 hereof.

**Section 3.** Said improvements and acquisitions are lawful capital improvements of the Borough having a period of usefulness of at least five (5) years. Said improvements and acquisitions shall be made as general improvements, no part of the cost of which shall be assessed against property specially benefited.

**Section 4.** The capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this capital ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available there for public inspection.

**Section 5.** This capital ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication as required by law.

**REPORTS:**

It was moved by Glaser, seconded by Housel that the Recreation Commission, A & E O.T., Borough Clerk’s, Borough Manager’s and Zoning/Code Enforcement reports be approved as submitted and filed.

Discussion: The computer purchases were discussed in regard to the Manager's report. The Manager explained that the window for some of the sale promotions are usually only 2 days. He respectfully requested that Council rescind the prior motion that they made requiring their approval prior to purchasing the computers.

It was therefore moved by Turner, seconded by Buoye that the Council rescind their motion requiring council approval prior to the purchase of any computer equipment.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

### **VOUCHERS:**

Mayor Van Deursen entertained additions or questions of the vouchers and claims for payment

Several questions were asked by members of Council and answered. It was therefore moved by Glaser, seconded by Housel that the vouchers and claims be paid in the amount of \$ 816,545.02 as reflected in the debit/credit memorandum on file in the Collector-Treasurer's office.

Roll Call: Woykowski, Housel, Buoye, Van Deursen, Turner, Glaser and Oakley.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Oakley that the Council approve the Goal list as authorized by the Special Meeting held April 25, 2006.

Discussion: Councilman Housel noted that he would like to see the Municipal Garage bids go out by the end of June.

Councilwoman Glaser questioned why didn't the revenue get converted? Councilwoman Woykowski suggested that these reports be given to Councilwoman Glaser.

Councilwoman Woykowski suggested that the goals be numbered. The Swimming pool construction project should be added to the goals list.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

Councilwoman Woykowski voiced her disappointment on not agreeing to workshop meetings on a regular basis.

Councilwoman Glaser felt that caucus meetings once a month would be beneficial. A caucus would give Council a little more freedom to have interaction with the community.

Mayor Van Duersen noted that Council can call schedule a meeting as needed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Letter of Resignation – Erin Czarnecki – Recreation Commission**

A letter of resignation was received from Erin Czarnecki from the Recreation Commission.

It was moved by Housel, seconded by Glaser that Erin Czarnecki's resignation from the Recreation Commission be accepted with regret and that a letter of thanks be sent for her service to the community.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

**Resolution #101-2006 – Approve Computer, e-Mail & e-Mail & Internet Policy**

The following Resolution was moved by Housel, seconded by Buoye and adopted:

**RESOLUTION #101-2006**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY ON COMPUTER, e-MAIL & INTERNET USE**

**WHEREAS**, a written policy is needed in order to define the nature of the "Computer, e-Mail and Internet Use" for the Borough of Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington understand that personal computers, e-mail and the internet are vital to a productive workforce; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

That the Common Council of the Borough of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey does hereby enact the following policy:

***Borough of Washington***

***Computer, e-Mail and Internet***

***Use Policy***

***Purpose***

Washington Borough makes every effort to provide the best available technology to those performing services for Washington Borough. In this regard, Washington Borough has installed, at substantial expense, equipment such as computers, electronic mail, internet and voice mail. This policy is to advise those who use our business equipment on the subject of access to and disclosure of computer-stored information, voice mail messages, internet usage and electronic mail messages created, sent or received by Washington Borough's employees with the use of Washington Borough's equipment.

***Guidelines***

This policy also sets forth policies on the proper use of the computer, voice mail, internet usage and electronic mail systems provided by Washington Borough as follows:

- Washington Borough property, including computers, electronic mail, internet access and voice mail, should only be used for conducting municipal business.
- Personal use of Washington Borough computers is prohibited and the Borough may, at any time, monitor the use of said equipment. You should not expect any privacy with respect to any information you place in or on Washington Borough's computers or computer equipment.
- The use of the electronic mail system or internet access may not be used to solicit for commercial ventures, religious or political causes, outside organizations, or other non-job related solicitations.

- The electronic mail system and internet access is not to be used to create any offensive or disruptive messages. Among those which are considered offensive, are any messages which contain sexual implications, racial slurs, gender specific comments, or any other comments that offensively address someone's age, sexual orientation, religious or political beliefs, national origin, or disability.
- The electronic mail system and internet access shall not be used to send (upload) or receive (download) copyrighted materials, trade secrets, proprietary financial information, or similar materials without prior authorization.

Although Washington Borough may provide certain codes to restrict access to computers, voice mail and electronic mail to protect these systems against external parties or entities obtaining unauthorized access, employees should understand that these systems are intended for business use, and all computer information, voice mail and electronic mail messages are to be considered as Borough records.

Washington Borough also needs to be able to respond to proper requests resulting from legal proceedings that all for electronically-stored evidence. Therefore, Washington Borough, must, and does, maintain the right and the ability to enter into any of these systems and to inspect and review any and all data recorded in the systems. Because Washington Borough reserves the right to obtain access to all voice mail and electronic mail messages left on or transmitted over these systems, employees should not assume that such messages are private and confidential or that Washington Borough or its designated representatives will not have a need to access and review this information. Individuals using Washington Borough's business equipment should also have no expectation that any information stored on their computer – whether the information is contained on a computer hard drive, computer disks or in any other manner – will be private.

### ***Violations***

Washington Borough has the right to, but does not regularly monitor voice mail, or electronic mail messages. Washington Borough will, however, inspect the contents of computers, internet usage, voice mail or electronic mail in the course of an investigation triggered by indications of unacceptable behavior or as necessary to locate needed information that is not more readily available by some other less intrusive means.

The contents of computers, voice mail, and electronic mail, property obtained for some legitimate business purpose, may be disclosed by Washington Borough if necessary within or outside of Washington Borough organization.

Given Washington Borough's right to retrieve and read any electronic mail messages, such messages should be treated as confidential by other employees and accessed only by the intended recipient.

Washington Borough's Manager and Municipal Attorney will review any request for access to the contents of an individual's computer, internet usage, voice mail, or electronic mail prior to access being made without the individual's consent.

Any employee who violates this policy or uses the electronic communications systems for improper purposes may be subject to discipline, up to and including termination.

Roll Call: Oakley, Glaser, Turner, Van Deursen, Buoye, Housel and Woykowski.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

**Resolution #102-2006 – Change Order #4 – Sunrise Terrace/Pickel Avenue**

The following Resolution was moved by Glaser, seconded by Buoye and adopted:

**RESOLUTION #102-2006**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #4  
RELATED TO THE SUNRISE TERRACE/PICKEL AVENUE  
SIDEWALK/CURBING PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Washington is repairing/replacing various curbs and sidewalks as part of an extensive rehabilitation program; and

**WHEREAS**, from time to time during the construction process, various field changes and adjustments are necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, the project engineers, Studer & McEldowney have recommended the following Change Order:

Extend Length of Project

5 Days

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington wishes to accept the change order for this work as it is in the best interest of the Borough of Washington.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey approve Change Order #4 and authorize the Borough Manager and Project Manager to prepare the necessary document as soon as possible and for the Borough Manager to execute the change order on behalf of Washington Borough.

Discussion: Councilwoman Glaser noted that there was no \$ figure attached to this resolution for the additional days? Manager Sheola acknowledged that there would be no additional monies involved with this change order.

Roll Call: Glaser, Oakley, Turner, Woykowski, Buoye, Housel and Van Deursen.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

Motion carried.

**Resolution #103-2006 – Authorizing the Filing of Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund Application**

The following Resolution was moved by Housel, seconded by Glaser and adopted:

**RESOLUTION #103-2006**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A HAZARDOUS DISCHARGE SITE REMEDIATION FUND (HDSRF) FOR THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF WARREN.**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Washington desires to apply for a grant from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Brownfields Reuse, Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund in the amount of \$ 17,145 to perform a Supplemental Remediation Investigation on Block 24, Lot 24 within the Borough of Washington; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

- 1) that the Borough of Washington does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and
- 2) recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, does further authorize the execution of the grant agreement; and, also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of said agreement between the Borough of Washington and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.
- 3) that Borough Manager, Richard Sheola, or his successor in office, is hereby authorized to complete and file the grant application.

Roll Call: Woykowski, Housel, Buoye, Van Deursen, Oakley, Glaser and Turner.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

**Resolution #104-2006 – Sewer Refund**

The following Resolution was moved by Buoye, seconded by Glaser and adopted:

**RESOLUTION #104-2006**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDING OF  
AN OVERPAYMENT OF THE BOROUGH'S  
SEWER SERVICE CHARGE**

**WHEREAS**, according to the Treasurer's records, there is an overpayment showing on the following property; and

<b><u>BLOCK/LOT</u></b>	<b><u>PROPERTY OWNER/ PROPERTY LOCATION</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT TO BE REFUNDED</u></b>
98/45	Benham, Brian & Mary 43 South Wandling Ave.	\$ 43.00

The former owner made an overpayment during the closing procedures on the above property location. A refund of \$ 43.00 should be mailed to:

Brian & Mary Benham  
56 North Lincoln Avenue  
Washington, NJ 07882

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Treasurer's office has received a written request that the above amount be refunded.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the Borough Treasurer is authorized to refund the above overpayment amount

Roll Call: Turner, Woykowski, Van Deursen, Housel, Buoye, Glaser and Oakley.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried

**Resolution #105-2006 – Appoint Liaison to Warren-Morris Council of Governments**

Prior to the adoption of this resolution it was agreed that Councilwoman Glaser and Councilwoman Woykowski's name be added to the list of members. It was moved by Glaser, seconded by Turner that the following Resolution be adopted:

**RESOLUTION #105-2006**

**APPOINT LIAISON TO THE WARREN-MORRIS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, sharing services and joint purchasing can increase efficiency and reduce costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the sharing of services and joint purchasing is becoming more needed as state mandated costs, such as Stormwater Management, are increasing without a corresponding increase in state aid revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, a group of Warren County and Morris County Communities (Washington Borough, Allamuchy, Independence and Mansfield Townships, Hackettstown and Washington Township – Morris County) have established themselves as the Warren-Morris Council of Governments for the purpose of exploring shared services, joint purchasing and other cost savings measures; and

**WHEREAS**, to formalize the organizational structure, each community will have representatives at the meetings; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Washington, hereby appoint Councilwoman Susan Wagner-Glaser, Councilwoman Christina Woykowski and Borough Manager Richard Sheola as the representatives from Washington Borough.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Borough Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Warren-Morris Council of Governments, c/o Mansfield Township, 100 Port Murray Road, Port Murray, NJ 07865.

Roll Call: Woykowski, Housel, Buoye, Van Deursen, Turner, Glaser and Van Deursen.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

**Resolution #106-2006 – Downtown Streetscape Bid**

The following Resolution was moved on a motion made by Glaser, seconded by Housel and adopted:

**RESOLUTION #106-2006**

**A RESOLUTION REJECTING BID FOR  
DOWNTOWN STREETSCAPE PROJECT.**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Washington advertised in the Star Gazette for qualified bidders for the above project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough received four (4) bids from qualified contractors at the Bid Opening on April 25, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the bids received were:

Marvec Construction Verona, NJ	\$ 1,534,932.00
Assuncao Bros., Inc. Edison, NJ	\$ 1,815,091.86

HBC Company Lodi, New Jersey	\$ 2,576,969.00
Berto Construction Rahway, NJ	\$ 2,619,494.00

**WHEREAS**, the low bid of \$ 1,534,932.00 was higher than the Borough Engineer's estimate of \$ 1,020,783.00 for a contractor to perform the work; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington wish to reject the bid for this work as the prices bid are substantially higher than the Borough Engineer's estimate for the work; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey to reject the bids for the Downtown Streetscape Project as received and authorize the Borough Manager and Engineer to re-bid the project as expeditiously as possible.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Robert Miller, C.M.E., Borough Engineer.

Discussion: Council discussed the bids at length. The engineer's report indicates that the unit prices varied considerable from what he considered normal unit prices on a number of items.

Councilman Buoye questioned whether we would get better prices on this project when it is placed out for re-bid? The engineer has proposed that there be a mandatory bidders conference on the next round of bidding.

Councilman Turner felt that the engineer should have been present to discuss this project with Council this evening. Some items such as the bicycle racks, benches, receptacles were discussed as to whether they could be purchased by the municipality ourselves. Manager Sheola indicated that perhaps they could be listed in the new bid specs as options.

Councilman Buoye was concerned as to how fast of a turn-around could be made on re-bidding this project with a start-up this year. It was felt that the project could begin approximately one month after the bid award, maybe around the end of August or the beginning of September.

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**Sample Resolution – Impose spending Limits on State Government**

Discussion on a proposed sample resolution imposing spending limits on the State Government was discussed upon the request of Councilman Turner. Councilwoman Glaser thought we had adopted a resolution? To date the Council has not considered a resolution. Council directed the Manager to prepare a resolution for consideration at the next meeting. Councilwoman Glaser suggested an addendum to the resolution chastising the State for not increasing the state cap on spending.

**Proposed Growth Share Ordinance Amendment**

The Growth Share Ordinance was discussed by Council.

Councilwoman Glaser questioned why the ordinance was prepared to encourage the Borough to go into the housing business? Manager Sheola indicated that the ordinance only provides the mechanism but doesn't have to be implemented by the Borough.

Councilman Housel noted that the Borough should concentrate on areas to be rehabilitated.

Attorney Cushing noted that the units ideally should be built on the site if they can be worked into the developer's plan.

Council directed that the ordinance be prepared for consideration for the next meeting.

**Request for Amendment to AR-7 Zone**

A letter was received from George M. Dilts, Esq. regarding a proposed amendment to the Borough's Zoning Ordinance which would allow a ten (10') foot buffer between Candle Artisans and the Adult Community that has been approved in the AR-7 Zone. This was requested some time ago. Mr. Dilts did appear before the Planning Board and they also recommend that it be instituted.

Council discussion followed at which time they directed the Manager to prepare the necessary amendment to the Zoning Ordinance which would allow this ten (10') foot buffer.

**Zoning Issues – North Jackson Avenue**

Mayor Van Deursen excused herself from the meeting for a short period of time but returned.

The Council was in receipt of information pertaining to a neighborhood dispute on North Jackson Avenue and two businesses that are adjacent to this property. The Zoning Officer has been very involved in a lot of a problems as well as the Police Department. The complaints that have been lodged deal with garbage dumpsters, inoperative/unregistered vehicles, trucks blocking the road, tires on one of the business properties and truck engines running.

Mayor Van Deursen asked if any violations that have been found, have they been addressed through the zoning office. Mr. Bescher, who was present, indicated that they were and he summarized what has transpired to date.

One suggestion the Mayor had with the garbage issue is that perhaps Blue Diamond could utilize a smaller truck for pick-up in this area.

Attorney Cushing noted that the Borough does not really have jurisdiction over this civil matter. He suggested that it would be prudent to request them to voluntarily go before the Community Neighborhood Dispute Committee to try and resolve some of these problems to everyone's satisfaction.

It was agreed that the Manager would write to each one of the parties affected by this problem and suggest that they go before the Community Neighborhood Dispute Committee to resolve the issues.

**COUNCIL REMARKS:**

Mayor Van Deursen polled members of Council for their remarks.

Councilwoman Oakley had no remarks.

Councilwoman Glaser had no remarks.

Councilman Turner thanked the Manager for getting back to him in a timely fashion on some questions he had.

Councilman Buoye had no remarks.

Councilman Housel had a concern with the chipping program and the amount of chipping residents put out for the Road Department. It appears some residents are having trees taken down and not having the contractor remove the tree. There should be something in the Borough's ordinances to curb the amount of brush they can put out. There is no ordinance in the Code at present but it could be something the Council could consider.

Councilman Housel also noted that there is still work on S. Prospect Street that needs to be done. There is potholes and seams that require filling in.

Mayor Van Deursen reminded Council of the Emergency Squad Banquet this coming Saturday marking their 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. She hoped to see everyone there.

Councilwoman Oakley suggested that the signs that are on Church Street for construction during the day be removed in the evening.

### **Executive Session for Personnel**

It was moved by Housel seconded by Glaser that Council go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Housel that Council go out of Executive Session at 10:00 PM.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

### **Committee Formed**

A committee was formed of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor Turner and Councilman Housel to meet informally with Washington Township to discuss some areas where both municipalities might be able to share some services.

The meeting is scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Councilwoman Woykowski noted that in addition to shared services there might be some equipment that could be purchased as a joint partnership. She also reported that there are grants available for shared services.

Mayor Van Deursen suggested that Council be thinking of what kinds of shared services they may want to suggest with the Township. She requested that their ideas be conveyed to one of the committee members prior to the meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup> so they could be brought to the table for discussion.

Hearing no further business to come before Council, it was moved by Glaser, seconded by Housel that the meeting be adjourned at 10:10 PM.

Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.